

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please replace present claims 20-23 with the following claims 20-23:

Sub 20. (Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the *S. erythraea* is a mutant that produces no macrolide.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein said *S. erythraea* mutant is mutant A34.

B1 22. (Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein said macrolide is other than 6-dEB.

Sub 23. (Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein said macrolide is a 14-member macrolide.

Please add the following new claim:

22 Sub C3 24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein said 14-member macrolide is 14-propyl 6-dEB (Formula 6) or 14-desmethyl-14-phenyl 6-dEB (Formula 7).